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"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead  
also," James 2:26.

# NOTICES

From the Field

The Church of God at Abbs Valley, Va., is over the top with its aged ministers' quota for 1941-42.—A. J. Cox, pastor, Falls Mills, Va.

I have pastored the South Bastian, Va., Church of God for the past three years but will be in the evangelistic work this Assembly year to do service for the Master.—Sister Bessie Puckett, South Bastian, Va.

## To the Churches in Louisiana

We are making Sunday, October 5, a prayer day for our ministers' meeting and we invite God's people everywhere to join in with us. Pray that God will direct us as He can help us outline a year's work that will add many souls to His kingdom and place every pastor and church on the honor roll.

By the time you read this I will be in Monroe. If you desire my assistance at any time before the ministers' meeting, write me there.—W. C. Byrd, overseer of Louisiana, Gen. Del., Monroe, La.

My address for this year is: Business address: 2nd Assistant General Overseer, Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn. Resident address: 2203 Magnolia Ave., Cleveland, Tenn.—Earl P. Paulk.

To the Sunday schools and Y. P. E.'s of Tennessee: Please send your reports to Box 673, Cleveland, Tenn. We are expecting a great year and the blessings from God many and great. We will visit you as soon as we can get there. Pastors, kindly call your presidents' and superintendents' attention to this. May God bless you one and all.—George E. Brazell, state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent.

Anyone desiring me for a revival, my address is Highland Park, 1617 B. St., Kingport, Tenn.—Sallie M. Herron.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

During the Assembly some minister handed us the amount of \$14.40 for insurance, but failed to furnish us with the name of the contributor. We shall be glad to have said minister to write us giving his name, so we can give proper credit.—Church of God General Secretary.

## Blazing the Gospel Trail

### or The Story of My Life

Is a booklet just off the press, by Rev. J. B. Ellis. Brother Ellis is one of the old trail blazers of Pentecost. He began his ministerial career in the Methodist Church but after receiving the baptism with the Holy Ghost, joining in with a few of the pioneer preachers of the Church of God, he began working in any field which opened for the progress and furtherance in general of its doctrine. He served as evangelist, as pastor, as state overseer, as principal of the Bible School, and as a member of the Council of Twelve. His ministry has been very fruitful and he is revered by all who know him. He is now blind and the contents of this booklet were dictated from his memories of trail blazing. He can go no longer by sight but all is faith. His experiences as here related will be an inspiration to any Christian, and especially to all who are in the ministry. The booklet may be ordered from the Church

of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tennessee, at 35c a copy.

(The Assembly price of this book was 35c per copy; the regular price is now 40c per copy.)

## The Evangel a Great Help to Me

VINEMONT, Ala.—Dear Saints, the Evangel is a great help to me. I praise the Lord for it. I do not live near Church of God people but I can feel the love of God's people by reading the great testimonies. I praise the Lord for what He means to me. I have been sick six weeks. I had a severe hurting in my stomach. I prayed and laid the little Evangel on my stomach and the hurting is almost gone. I give God the praise for it all.

Please pray that I will be healed of sinus trouble, if it is the Lord's will. I am a young mother. Pray that I will live a humble life that my children will have faith in my daily walk. My husband is a Baptist. Pray for him to see the light on holiness before it is too late.—Mrs. Otto Morris, Rt. 1.

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# Winning Souls

"He that winneth souls is wise," Proverbs 11:30.

J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

Our pledge, to win more souls for Christ, is still bearing down upon me, and I feel we must do our best this year. It is the highest honor and greatest privilege, and may I add, the most solemn responsibility of every Christian to endeavor to save the lost.



Do you remember, when first you were saved, how eager you were, how unashamed you were, when rising from an altar of prayer with eyes glimmering with tears, you said to the audience, "Jesus has saved me"? Do you

not also remember that urgent, impelling love within that made it easy to say to your unsaved brother, sister, friend, or perhaps your parents: "I want you to seek the Lord. He is so real to me. All my burdens are gone. I feel so happy. Won't you come with me to the altar?" I know you can remember—yes, you will never forget. Praise God for that heavenly feeling that flooded your soul and my soul as we did our first soul-saving work!

God has designed that men should preach His gospel—to tell others about His salvation, while others tell still others, until the message should reach around the world during all the many centuries. My heart is yearning to see thousands—yes, millions brought to God. The lost are lost eternally unless they can be saved. It is our privilege to help them—yes, *our privilege*—and not only our privilege but our duty, our responsibility.

Like the woman who lost the money and searched and searched until she found it, not content with all the money which she had not lost, our Lord is not content with just those who are now saved to be saved but would send us out to seek and save others that are lost. (Notice that the lost money did not lose its value because it was lost. It was still precious to the owner.) Then again we think of the shepherd who had one hundred sheep and lost one. He could not be content without the lost sheep. The ninety-nine safe ones were not enough. It was his sheep that was lost. He must go through the valleys, up steep, craggy mountain peaks, through the thorns and out among the dangerous wild beasts to rescue *his* sheep. Yes, he sought until

he found it!

Praise God for His interest in the lost. Someone has said that the lost sheep was an ugly one that wouldn't stay up with the other sheep. Others added that it was an old black sheep. But when I think of it, I know that that black, lost sheep was I, and my loving Savior kept seeking until He found me. Praise God, I'm so glad He found me, put His arms around me, and brought me to the fold.

You know, it is too easy, it seems, for some church members to judge and criticize someone who has less power to stand during temptations. Even some preachers too often make the remark "So and so is not Church of God material." Are we to be old hard, church lumber-graders, or are we to remember that the lost everywhere are to be saved and that the saved, though uninstructed, many times need the wise, loving counsel and care of the church. If they are expected to reach the highest attainable standard before they are received into the church, pray tell me, what is the church for? What benefit is it to the members? Surely people genuinely converted should be taken into the care of the church to be patiently and kindly instructed and assisted to reach the higher standard.

But I fancy I hear some say, "We are evangelical. Our church believes it is all right to have revivals." But it is not enough to be evangelical and believe it is all right to have revivals; we must be evangelistic and pray, believe God, and work until a revival breaks out that the devil cannot stop. While the ritualistic and evangelical churches are singing, "Hold the fort for I am coming," we must catch a gleam of glory, the fire of evangelism and blitzkrieg the devil, singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and not only sing but really "Storm the fort (of the enemy) for God is leading."

The evangelist and pastor should work together in every way to create or rather develop this great spirit of enthusiasm among all the members of the Church. Then, each member should feel the burden personally and do his very best to help rescue the lost. It has been said that evangelism is fishing by a net. Personal soul-winning is fishing with a single hook. Are you fishing at all for souls? Possibly you are sitting back in the shade, watching the others at work. Too often from the shade the on-lookers find it convenient to criticize; but if they would try fishing in earnest, they would understand and sympathize with and ap-

preciate the struggling fishermen—the real soul-winners.

Jesus, our example, won most of His followers by personal effort! Let us not take the position "that old John Jones, the noted sinner of our town, has heard the gospel, and there is nothing to him anyway." Remember that when Jesus went out to look for followers, He saw good in all those whom He met. No doubt, many would have thought, "Master, you don't need that public official who takes the people's money." But Jesus said, "Matthew, follow me, you write well. I want you to write my first gospel." Others could easily have criticized when Peter, James and John were called, by saying, "We don't want those fishermen." But Jesus saw those working, those industrious men, and said to them, "Leave your nets, and I will make you fishers of men." Someone better acquainted with Peter might have said, "But, Jesus, you don't know this man Peter. He is so quick to speak, so changeable." Ah! but Jesus could answer, "Why, this is my 'rock-man,' the one that is to preach the first memorable sermon after the outpouring of the Holy Ghost."

Jesus could always see diamonds in the rough; for example, in Mary (in whom were seven devils) He saw the one who would deliver the first resurrection message. Paul, at one time the great persecutor of the Christians, on his way to arrest, accuse, imprison and kill the followers of Jesus at one place, was seen and arrested by Christ. Paul really had a sunstroke from heaven. The one-time enemy of the Christians was himself condemned, then was pardoned and commissioned to fight on the opposite side from what he had been fighting. Isn't it wonderful how God captures those fighting against Him, and puts them in the ranks to fight for Him?

Let us therefore, everyone, always be on the lookout to win the souls of those from every rank of life. The commission is to every Christian, laymen as well as ministers, to go and bring forth fruit. John 15:16.

## Instantly Healed of T. B.

WARRENTON, N. C.—I thank the Lord because I'm saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I thank Him for His wonderful healing power. I praise His name for healing me of T. B. Praise the Lord!

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## Our Love for the Church

MUCH has been said at different times about people being "churchy." This, perhaps, is because people express their admiration for God's Church. There is no reason why men should not love the Church of God. There is a very close love and union shown of Christ and the Church by the Apostle Paul when he said in Eph. 5:25, "Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the word." If Christ Himself so expressed His love for the Church, His followers ought also to love the Church. They should love it to the extent that they would try to make their lives an adornment to that worthy institution. Their love for it should be proven in their conversation; namely, that they would never speak derogatory of its rulings, regulations, and general work. They should love her missions, evangelism, pastoral care, her maternal influence in caring for the fatherless and the motherless, her provision in spiritual food for the satisfying and upbuilding of the spiritual man, and for her translating power that will cause her to be presented to Christ as a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. It must be remembered that your attitude toward the membership of God's Church is your attitude toward the Church, for it takes human beings to make up her membership and the membership makes the whole.

The story is told of a nice car with a party of five gliding along the highway at sixty miles an hour on a Sunday afternoon and tuning in on a broadcast from a church. The minister in speaking, waxed very warm in his accusations of those claiming Christianity. "Hypocrites are about us every place," he said, and finally he started in on his church. "We have them," he said, "plenty of them in our church, living all kinds of lives," and many such epithets as your editor would not wish to use were hurled at the members of his own organization. Finally, however, he came to ground and made the statement that his organization was the greatest institution upon the earth.

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The minister who publicly belittles, berates and accuses his church members and then declares his church to be the best organization in all the world, reminds me of Wilbur Glenn Voliva who took a trip around the world to prove that it was flat. Abusing and accusing, faultfinding and criticizing never helped any organization come to perfection. It is the patient work of those, who, according to God's Word, have made a study of the needs of his church and are willing to do what they can in helping to bring it to perfection, that will really be worth while as pastor and teachers to guide her through to her final triumph.



**Here and There** THOSE who have travelled extensively in different countries, are always glad when they return to the United States. There is a freedom here such as is not found in any other country in the world. True there are several democracies that still grant the rights of religious worship, but there are those even whose laws grant the right that fail to comply with them. The present World War has things in a terrible mix-up. The very spirit of the citizens of the United States is against the spirit of Nazism and the despotic dictatorial rule of Hitler, and in the support of our government for Great Britain in her fight against Nazism we have become allied with a country whose religion is Communism and while it may be true that Nazism is a deadly foe to Christianity, Communism has by no means become converted to Christianity. And while Christianity has not been able to convert Communism, neither has the true spirit of religious freedom been able to cope with the great hierarchies of religion which would themselves become dictators to men's conscience and force them into one religious belief channel.

The government of Haiti has taken such a stand, and even though thousands of dollars have been poured into that republic to help underprivileged natives who have given their hearts to God, and 15,000 Haitians have been converted to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Haitian government has now closed the doors of all our churches. But we are still basking here in the sunlight of religious freedom, and the General Overseer of the Church of God throughout the world has made a proclamation, setting aside September 28 as special prayer day, that we here may pray for them there, that we may exercise this God-given right in prayer as well as in finance to help our poor, unfortunate, dark-skinned brothers and sisters across the waters.



**Paul and Dale** THIS country has been greatly stirred the past year by the great psychologist, Dale Carnegie. His book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People," has had a tremendous sale and the name of Dale Carnegie has become common among all people. His philosophy has had a very broad acceptance as though it were something new. But what is this philosophy? Mr. Carnegie tells you the story of how men of past ages have swayed congregations, have amassed to themselves friends, have put their work over and have managed people. Rather than something he has worked out himself, it is something that he has gathered from the lives of others and is teaching men to put into practice.

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# Sifted and Tried

MRS. KATHRYN THOMPSON

We often hear young Christians say, "Pray that I will hold out faithfully." We know God requires faithfulness unto the end. No wonder we have a fear of not holding out when trials seem especially hard. There is a possibility that our faith could fail. I am glad we can find an answer to all our problems in the Bible, if we search carefully. I recall one very hard test in my early Christian life. I was wondering if I would be able to "hold out" in such a great test. I believe God has given us an answer in His Book for every situation. We do not have to wait until it is revealed from heaven. We just need to know the truth. I found my answer in 2 Peter 4:2, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, but rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering, that when his glory is revealed ye may be glad, with exceeding joy." Such peace and comfort came into my heart, that I forgot my little trial that had seemed so great. In the revelation of this answer, coming like a winged messenger from heaven, my little suffering seemed just a privilege, a cause to rejoice. I thought of Christ's suffering for me, and I will have a part in His glory, when it is revealed. With this thought in mind we can go forward to greater heights.

Just before Jesus was betrayed, He told Peter that Satan desired to sift him as wheat, but added that He would pray that his faith would not fail.

A little later Satan did just that, sifted him as wheat. Yes, at the very time when his faith seemed zero, one of God's holiness preachers was sifted so severely he even denied the Lord. He just couldn't hold out. He must have forgotten that Jesus said He would pray that his faith would not fail. A preacher who, a short time since, was preaching the gospel, healing the sick, casting out devils, now failed in a moment of trial.

It is too sad when some toil-weary soldier is about to give up, some one is ready to say, "I didn't think he would hold out." I find there are three ways to hold—hold out, hold in, and hold on. If we hold on by faith, we will be able to hold out. Then holding in will come easy.

Have you ever seen wheat sifted? I have watched the bundles of grain as the farmers fed them to the big hungry machine. It cut and tore the bundles, and shoved them into some winding knives, then it was shaken and separated from the chaff, the sifting began. If you think you have ever been sifted just a

little bit, you should see what happens then. The wheat finally goes through a sieve and comes out through a pipe. The chaff comes out at a different place. There is no danger of their uniting again. That is just a preparation for sifting. When the wheat goes to the flour mill, it is ground, then ground finer and finer. The husks are sifted out; the sifting goes on, and on until the tiniest particles are sifted. Finally the flour goes through a fine cloth and comes out fine and white.

## Appreciative Language

A. B. DIXON

They knew the pastor was leaving—he had made that very plain. The Assembly was over, and another pastor had been assigned.

A few days later, one of the sisters asked him to not engage himself for the evening; they wanted him to help with a play for young people's night, to which he agreed.

All afternoon he noticed a great deal of bustle and furtive glances. Toward night a little girl came along and asked, "Preacher, are you coming to your birthday party?" That "let the cat out of the bag," but he had no idea what it would be like, and not much time to conjecture.

About 6:45 p. m. they sent for him. When he arrived they had tables joined together, making one long table, with a sea of white linen. The folk kept gathering, and as they continued to come, they continued to bring in more seats, until there was hardly room for more.

As many as could seated themselves around the table, and those who could not found seats elsewhere around the room. Someone would strike up a familiar chorus—at the end a few minutes of happy conversation, then another chorus.

In the meantime there was a great deal of activity in the kitchen, and now they began to put the refreshments on the table. When this was about finished, the pastor was asked to please seat himself at the head of the table—his wife by his side—and return thanks.

During the course of the repast, the pastor's wife remarked, "It is so good to be here and have all of you with your love and fellowship." A member answered—with a voice full of admiration—"And it's good to have Dad and Mom at the head of the table."

The supper was ended, the dishes

If Jesus meant this kind of sifting, I'm afraid many of us have not even reached the flour mill.

Young Christians, Satan still wants to sift people. It will be very hard to stand the sifting. At times you may be tempted to say, "I just can't hold out. This sifting is more than I can bear."

You may one day be able to look back on these days of "sifting" and say, "I didn't know I was so weak. Thank God for those trials, and that He thought me worthy to suffer a little with Christ. Why this victory! the faith that overcomes the world! When His glory is revealed I will rejoice. Yes! and some day I will reign with Him." Hallelujah!

cleared away and here they came with arm loads of presents. Of course, it's customary to open and show each one,—the pastor seems to have natural propensity for taking chances, so he took them as they came.

There were seven nice shirts, twenty pairs of nice socks, two pairs of Paris garters, three nice ties, fifteen handkerchiefs, a suit of underwear, a Pickwick men's set and a flashlight that he had so long desired.

A friend, who was not a member of the church, had brought quite a bulky package. The reader understands how those things go—sometimes they don't turn out so well—especially when a friend likes to pull a little joke. The pastor unwrapped it quite slowly while the others gazed intently.

Did I say intently—well, yes—except when it was just about to the end of that next sheet of paper that was wrapped around it—their nerve would fail them and they would jerk their eyes away to be drawn back as quickly by that overwhelming curiosity.

There were bursts and roars of laughter, as they watched in tense anticipation and expectation.

The pastor had been wondering, for sometime, if he could afford to indulge in the extravagance of a pocket knife; and as he neared the end of this great roll of packages within packages, his sensitive fingers told him that here it was. However, he restrained himself enough to continue the slow and deliberate unrolling.

It was a grand little knife of the size suitable for a preacher to carry.

I have heard people use descriptive and expressive language to say they appreciated someone, but this language was impressive.

It happened at Vicco, Ky., Sept. 8, 1941.

# Comfort Ye My People

J. T. MAWSON

*"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God."*

God is "the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort" (2 Cor. 1), and it is His will that His people should be comforted and not distracted; this is the commission He has given to His servants. This comfort is not exactly that which a mother gives her sick or tired child, soothing it to forgetful slumber; it is more than that, it is encouragement for the discouraged, strength for the weak, and restoration for the fainting; it fills the soul with the buoyancy of hope, for it flows from the knowledge of God who is "the God of hope" and "the God of patience and consolation" (Rom. 15:5).

Our chapter has Jerusalem and the Jews in view at the time when the great tribulation through which they are yet to pass for the rejection of their Messiah is drawing to its close. The heart of that ancient city is to hear the comforting news that her great iniquity is pardoned, and that God, even her God, who had never forgotten her during all the years that the Gentiles had trodden her underfoot, is about to deliver her from their power and right every wrong and make every crooked thing straight.

The Christian church is not Israel, and we shall not pass through "the great tribulation" which is "Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7). We shall be in the glory with Christ when that hour comes upon them that dwell on the earth, yet we shall not escape tribulation. "In the world ye shall have tribulation" were among the last words of the Lord to His disciples before He suffered for us; but they were not to be cast down because of that, for He added, "But be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Thus He comforted them and us.

All true comfort flows from the true knowledge of God. He has revealed Himself to us in Christ in the New Testament in the fullness of His love. This was not possible in the days of the Prophets, yet the fuller revelation does not cancel what went before; what He was then abides, He is the same, and "whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4).

The first view we have of God in our chapter is as *the pardoning God*—"her iniquity is pardoned" (vs. 2), and in the knowledge of God in this character

lies the basis of all comfort; apart from this sinful men would have neither hope nor comfort in time or eternity; but "David also describeth the blessedness of the man \* \* whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered" (Rom. 4:6, 7). This blessedness is ours who have believed. Our God is greater than our sins; and where sin abounded His grace has much more abounded. He is a just God and yet a Savior. Eternal praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ "in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7).

Our sins being pardoned we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ—Yes, peace with God in a world of strife; peace though beset on every hand with war and rumors of war! And not only peace in the present but the future is also bound up with this priceless boon, we are forgiven that we might have inheritance among them that are sanctified (Acts 26:18). And in this we have God's giving, which is exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think.

This first of all our blessings binds us to God with an eternal gratitude, but it also gives us a deep interest in His interests and in the inheritance that is ours. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ and we cannot be indifferent to the condition in which the inheritance is. This world is part of it and it seems to be hopelessly wrecked by sin, and Satan seems to be in full possession though it belongs to the Lord. The counsels of evil men seem to prevail; they carry out their infamous plans without regard to God or man; violence, oppression and treachery wax bolder and appear to be triumphant, and the children of God, who are the heirs of the inheritance, are the first to suffer. The whole creation groaneth, and we ourselves groan within ourselves as we view the scene. Moreover for nearly two thousands years the cry has been going up to God "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," and has received no answer as yet. Is there comfort and hope for God's people in view of all this? Is there any rest for troubled and anxious hearts?

Yes, verily, there is; our chapter tells us that "*the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together*" (vs. 5). Then the crooked place shall be made straight, and the rough places plain, the high mountains of man's pride shall be brought low, and those who have been as the lowly val-

leys shall be exalted. But how do we know this and what guarantee have we that it shall come to pass? "*The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*" We rest in the immutable Word of God. Herein is our comfort and hope. "*The Word of the Lord shall stand for ever.*" Not one jot or tittle of His Word shall fail. God will be faithful to His spoken Word and we who believe wait with patience for its fulfillment. "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God." How shall we do that? By turning them afresh to the Word of God in its absolute reliability.

But who will bring to pass the will of God on earth? That is the question involved in the cry "*All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field*" (vs. 6). Men cannot do it; the best of men will fail. There have been great men in the past in whom the people trusted; they were but the flower of the summer cornfield, their influence was short-lived; they came and went and left the world no better than they found it. The great men of our day are no better than their forerunners; they may talk of building a better world when this war has been won by the Democracies. It is vain talk. "*The grass withereth, the flower fadeth*" (vs. 8.). There is no permanence in the achievements of men, because God is left out of their schemes. They will not surrender the kingdoms of the world to God and His Christ. The man who proposed to do it would be in a hopeless minority, so the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon their endeavors, "*Surely the people is grass.*"

To whom then shall we look? The answer is given in verse 9. There shall be good tidings for Jerusalem in the day of her great trouble, and there is comfort for us in these sad days. It lies in the cry, "*Behold your God*" (vs. 9). Turn away from all flesh, which is grass; abandon all confidence in men who fade like the flower of the field and look to God. "Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with Him, and his work before Him" (vs. 10). Every evil power shall be swept from His path in the day of His vengeance against wicked men. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord."

"Behold your God." He is the mighty God, the Creator, supreme over all. He "hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance." "Behold, the nations are as a

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# Delkograms

D. H. DELK

## Overcoming

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

To overcome means to conquer, to defeat, surmount, to get the victory.

To overcome means all, to be overcome means all is lost.

Victory is not the size of the dog in the fight, but it's the size of the fight in the dog.



Paul tells us exactly how to overcome. Rom. 12:21, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Good has one enemy; namely, EVIL. Evil has two enemies; GOOD and itself.

I heard of a candidate for congress losing four months and twenty-three days, six acres of cotton, twenty acres of corn, six sheep, nine goats, two beeves, one hog, and two front teeth in a personal skirmish electioneering. He also gave away six pairs of socks, twenty-three Sunday school books, seventeen dolls and one hundred and twenty-nine baby rattlers. He said he told two thousand yarns, (his opponents said were lies), shook hands with thirty thousand people, kissed four hundred babies, preached two sermons, and many more things, then lost out; WAS OVERCOME BY HIS OPPONENT. This was a great loss, but this is only a drop in the bucket compared to the loss of those who fail to overcome sin.

WE HAVE A SUBTLE OPPONENT, he will surely take the advantage through his many devices if possible. BE NOT IGNORANT. It will take striving HARD, REGULARLY, and LAWFULLY to be crowned as an overcomer.

There are very many things to overcome, such as the world, persecution, adversity, etc., but about the worst one is OLD SELF. Luther said he feared self more than the Pope.

In your conquering conquer self; till you do you are but a slave.

Self is what you are WHEN YOU THINK NOBODY SEES YOU. A good Christian is compelled to take a punch at self often. See 1 Cor. 9:27 (margin).

A retiring usher (initiating successor)

said to him, "There are some fine Christians here till you show someone else their pew."

Overcome evil with good. We are good as we are God-possessed, then we KNOW THE OLD MAN (SELF) IS DEAD. (THE OLD WO-MAN ALSO.)

FAITH IS SOMETHING GOOD. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Faith is that precious virtue that sees by the ears. Yes, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

I don't know the future, but I know who holds it.

Faith is the root of all good works; a root that produces nothing is dead (Robertson).

By faith the old patriarchs subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, etc. Faith will do right because it is right. It will do right against feelings.

Rowboat Christians will go if pushed.

Sailboat Christians go when the wind blows. They are gone with the wind.

Steamboat Christians go, and go regularly, where they ought to regardless of wind or weather (faith is the fuel).

A new disease has broken out in these last days, and it is playing havoc among our people. IT IS VERY EVIL. IT WILL PROVE FATAL TO the SOUL IF NOT OVERCOME.

The patient usually has a good appetite all the way through it. He goes to bed feeling good on Saturday night, rises to eat a hearty breakfast Sunday morning, feels good till near Sunday school time. Then he begins to feel bad, and by Sunday school time he takes the bed till after preaching. He (she too) begins to feel a little better and slowly crawls out, without lots of effort he eats enough dinner, then reaches for the Sunday paper. In an hour or so he is able to take a walk around the farm or to his job, or probably to visit a friend. He feels fine till about service time that night. Then has a relapse, takes the bed again to miss service. Monday morning he seems to have gotten over it and is not bothered with it any more till the following Sunday. The name of this disease is morbus sabbaticus, a Sunday sickness. One fellow told me they had it in their community but didn't know what it was. NOW IT WON'T BE FUNNY LATER ON. THIS DISEASE IS ONE OF SATAN'S DEVICES. May God help us to overcome every obstacle so WE CAN INHERIT ALL THINGS.

## Able to Do My Housework

LAKE PLACID, Fla. — I thank the Lord for His healing power. I have been up for two weeks and able to do my housework. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost.—Mrs. M. F. Futch.

# Question Box

The Editor

Question: In Matt. 25:30 we have these words, "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." P. S.

Answer: This verse is the final one of a parable which was spoken by our Lord and is designed to show the blessings that shall come upon those who have given themselves over into the hands of God and are using their talents in His service, compared with the judgment that shall come to those who fail to use themselves and what God has given them for the cause of righteousness. Outer darkness is that place which is apart from all good. Weymouth translates this verse thus: "Throw the good for nothing servant into the darkness outside; there men will wail and gnash their teeth." The contrast as is drawn in this parable is also shown in Rev. 22:14, 15, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." There are only two places for people to go. One is the place where they are blessed, a place of eternal joy, bliss and happiness. The other is without or on the outside where all who are evil will ultimately find themselves.

Question: Will you please explain 1 Cor. 5:5 and 1 Tim. 1:20? Do we understand these scriptures to teach excommunication? and what is meant by the destruction of the flesh?—F. C. W.

Answer: Both of these scriptures certainly teach excommunication. In the first verse of the fifth chapter of 1 Corinthians, Paul tells the church of a very bad crime that has been committed among them. In the second verse he says that they are puffed up and have not mourned as they should have. In the fifth verse he gives them command to deliver this one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh. Since it is the flesh that exalts one, and those who are doing wrong will never see themselves unless their haughty spirits are broken, Paul literally says, "Turn this man over to Satan that he be broken in spirit, or be humbled, so that in such destruction his soul may be saved." The flesh exalts but God's grace is extended only to the humble in spirit.

"Ask and ye shall receive."

# 3,007 New Evangel Subscriptions in 1941

EVANGEL SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN A GREAT SUCCESS



H. O. HARRIS

Overseer of Illinois, winner Class B group



M. P. CROSS

Overseer of West Virginia, winner Class A group



WILMA HENRY

Overseer of Kansas, winner Class C group

The Evangel contest for the past year was a great success. More than *three thousand subscribers* were added to our subscription list. This was due to united effort in a planned program.

Twenty-seven states made an increase of 3,532 over last year but seven states made a decrease of 525, which cut the general increase to 3,007. Strange as it may seem, 2,638 of the increase made was made by seventeen states and these states were those which qualified for the contest. This shows that there was a large majority of the Church not working as did the others.

The quota necessary to qualify in our last year's contest was set at one Evangel subscription for every four members. Only eighteen states qualified for the contest. Had the other twenty-eight states barely qualified, with no subscriptions above the quota, there would have been an additional increase of 3,434 subscriptions, or a total increase of 6,440. But there are winners in every contest and these winners inspire the courage and determination of others so that in sequence each contest proves to be of greater value and a greater success than the former.

## The Contest and How

Are you interested in the standing of your state in Evangel subscriptions? We believe that you are and that by knowing just how each state stands we can know better how to organize our force and

harness our energy for a greater subscription campaign than ever before. We give herewith the result of the Evangel subscription check-up made August 1 and by which \$300.00 was awarded in

cash prizes. The membership is based on records of the 1939-40 Assembly year. Under the caption *Above - Below* the status of the state is shown. Where a minus sign precedes the number it represents below the quota of that particular state. Where there is no minus sign the number represents the number of subscriptions above the quota of one for every four members.

## SCHEDULE ON EVANGEL SUBSCRIPTIONS CLOSING JULY 31, 1941

### Class A States 3,000 Members and Over

State	Membership	Pres. Sub.	Quota	Above - Below	Last Year	Inc. - Dec.
Alabama .....	5,050	905	1,263	-358	767	138
Florida .....	4,453	1,265	1,114	151	1,057	208
Georgia .....	5,918	930	1,480	-550	1,188	-258
North Carolina .....	4,611	1,414	1,153	260	1,010	388
South Carolina .....	5,397	1,043	1,350	-307	889	154
Tennessee .....	5,459	1,082	1,365	-283	1,131	-49
West Virginia .....	4,320	1,433	1,080	353	529	904
Kentucky .....	3,494	546	874	-328	754	-208

### Class B, 1,000 to 3,000 Members

Mississippi .....	2,299	337	575	-238	273	64
Ohio .....	2,360	302	590	-288	254	48
Texas .....	2,752	344	688	-344	260	84
Arkansas .....	1,012	194	253	-59	174	20
Illinois .....	1,719	593	430	163	167	426
Louisiana .....	1,018	196	255	-59	81	115
Oklahoma .....	1,143	84	286	-202	60	24
Pennsylvania .....	1,271	320	318	2	156	164
Virginia .....	1,672	442	418	24	323	119

### Class C, All States Under 1,000 Members

Indiana .....	771	69	193	-124	34	35
Maryland .....	646	185	162	23	118	67
Michigan .....	866	163	217	-54	76	87



Missouri	910	182	228	-46	110	72
North Dakota	548	157	137	20	35	122
California	369	133	93	40	56	67
Iowa	262	21	66	-45	12	9
Kansas	221	115	56	59	18	97
New Mexico	285	31	72	-41	34	-3
South Dakota	378	59	95	-36	35	24
Arizona	114	36	29	7	10	26
Delaware	141	35	36	-1	8	27
Maine	146	14	37	-23	15	-1
Minnesota	126	41	32	9	12	29
Montana	157	32	40	-8	25	7
Washington	134	30	34	-4	25	5
Colorado	55	9	14	-5	5	4
Connecticut	0	2		2	1	1
Dist. of Columbia	45	6	12	-6	1	5
Idaho	70	8	18	-10	12	-4
Massachusetts	15	8	4	4	6	2
Nebraska	44	10	11	-1	4	6
New Jersey	50	7	13	-6	1	5
Oregon	82	13	21	-8	6	7
New York	0	11		11	10	1
Wyoming	17	9	5	4	3	6
Wisconsin	0	12		12	1	11
Nevada	0	1		1	3	-2

## THE WINNERS

### Class A

In a very impressive service at the 36th Annual Assembly, cash prizes of \$100.00 each were awarded to the winners in the Evangel contest. The State of West Virginia, M. P. Cross, overseer, was winner in the Class A group, with 1,433 subscriptions—a margin of 353 above the quota and an increase of 904 over last year. Honorable mention for Class A states went to North Carolina, Earl P. Paulk, overseer, for a margin of 260 subscriptions above the quota and an increase of 388 over last year.

### Class B

The State of Illinois, H. O. Harris, overseer, was the winner in Class B group, with a margin of 163 subscriptions above the quota and an increase of 426 over last year. Honorable mention went to Virginia, W. E. Johnson, overseer, for a margin of twenty-four above the quota and an increase of 119 over last year.

### Class C

The State of Kansas, Wilma Henry, overseer, was winner in Class C group, with fifty-nine subscriptions above the quota and an increase of ninety-seven over last year. Honorable mention went to California, I. L. Benge, overseer, for forty subscriptions above the quota and an increase of sixty-seven above last year.

## A NEW CAMPAIGN

The results of the Evangel contest just closed convinced us that it is as near an equal basis for all states as could be outlined. The winner in each of the groups was neither the least nor the greatest in membership but came from about the center of their group. In view of this the management has decided to duplicate the contest of last year.

### Listen! \$300.00 in Cash Prizes to Be Given

One hundred dollars will be awarded to the state in each group having the largest number of subscriptions above twenty-five per cent of its membership. The membership will be based on the records of the Assembly year of 1940-41 as they appear in the office of the General Secretary and Treasurer.

The states will be grouped as follows:  
Class A—states having 3,000 members and over.

Class B—states having from 1,000 to 3,000 members.

Class C—states having under 1,000 members.

### Foot On the Line

Now you have the information. Foot on the line, *ready, GO!* In a few days your state overseer will have a complete list of all subscriptions going to your state. He will gladly furnish you with those going to your church. Renew all of these and get all the new ones you can. *Yes, you are running good. Keep it up.*

## Overseer of Illinois Writes to Editor

"We are planning to win again this year. We are starting in to win and by the help of the Lord we want this to be the best year for the State of Illinois. I have the best preachers in all the world to work with, or some of the best anyway.—Yours in the Master's service, H. O. Harris."

## WEST VIRGINIA WINS

### Subscriptions Almost Tripled

In last year's Evangel subscription contest the State of West Virginia came from the lowest place in the Class A group to the highest place ever to be at-



CARL JOHNSON

Second prize winner in West Virginia state contest

tained by any state in Evangel subscriptions. This was due to a state-wide contest and state-wide cooperation in the execution of a well-planned program.

At the General Assembly, after the overseers of the winning states had been called to the platform and awarded prizes of \$100.00 each M. P. Cross, overseer of West Virginia, called the prize winners in his state campaign and made awards as follows:

- First prize, J. A. Whitlow.
- Second prize, C. O. Johnson.
- Third prize, H. D. Statum.
- Fourth prize, V. W. Thomas.
- Fifth prize, Ben Woodring.
- Sixth prize, J. W. Vance.
- Seventh prize, M. L. Atkins.
- Eighth prize, D. R. Moreland.
- Ninth prize, C. R. Cook.
- Tenth prize, T. J. Meade.
- Eleventh prize, Elmo Jennings.
- Twelfth prize, J. E. Moore.

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## Requests for Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf.

— R —

### PRAY FOR—

God to heal my sick body, I have had a burning in my stomach for over a year. Also pray that I may get the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Annie Olene Harden, 630 E. First St., Monroe, Mich.

— R —

My daughter and her baby to be healed of boils; my family and some friends who are sick.—Mrs. Walter Crews, Hilliard, Fla.

— R —

The healing of our baby's body, she has sores almost all over her body.—Mrs. Wilburn Roberts, Avera, Miss.

— R —

The healing of my body, I have been sick about three months.—Mrs. Lester Johnson, Box 92, Scotland, Ga.

— R —

Sister Mayo McDaniel to be healed.—Mrs. J. T. Atkinson, Pocahontas, Tenn.

— R —

The healing of my baby, he has been very sick; me to be healed, I feel very weak in body; the healing of my oldest girl, she is very hard of hearing.—Mrs. Charlie Ramsey, Rt. 1, Buffalo Valley, Tenn.

— R —

My brother and sister to be healed.—Bernice LaMonte, 1211 Broadway, E.

McKeesport, Pa.

— R —

God to undertake for my husband and me that we will get back to God; our son who is in the U. S. Navy, he is unsaved and a drunkard.—A lonely woman, Ragland, W. Va.

— R —

The healing of my body, I have dropsy and kidney trouble and I am not satisfied about my soul. Please earnestly pray for me to be saved and healed. Also pray for my unsaved husband.—Mrs. Charlie Anderson, Crab Orchard, Ky.

— R —

The healing of my body, I am very ill and troubled with rheumatism.—Hilda Hart, 600 2nd St., S. E., c/o Jalmers Fauchald, Minot, N. Dak.

— R —

God to undertake for me.—Kathelene Elm, Carriers Mills, Ill.

— R —

The healing of my husband, Rev. Hays M. Long, who was seriously hurt in an automobile wreck Aug. 10. His left shoulder was crushed, his left arm fractured and his neck almost broken. Also the healing of my mother, she has been bed fast for over a year. She believes in the Church of God and is seeking the Holy Ghost and to be healed but most of the family do not believe in holiness.—Mrs. Hays Long, Iron City, Ga.

— R —

Dear Readers and Saints, I am in the county jail at Fernandina, Fla., charged with murder and denied bond. I was deputy sheriff and was keeping order at one of these dance halls and went to arrest a man for being drunk and disorderly and he attacked me and was about to take my gun when it fired off and killed him accidentally. I was of the world but I have found God up here in jail. Praise

His name. I was loaned a Testament and a book on "What Would Jesus Do?" by a young preacher, J. R. Long, and thank God for him. I want to go all the way for God, He is so precious to me. My people are all good Christians; they belong to the Church of God. Pray for me that I will come out of it. I do not feel like I am responsible and God has lifted me up. Praise His name. Please pray for me, dear saints. I am praying and praising God. May God bless all.—Your dear friend and brother, Brantley Hicks, Nassau County Jail, Fernandina, Fla.

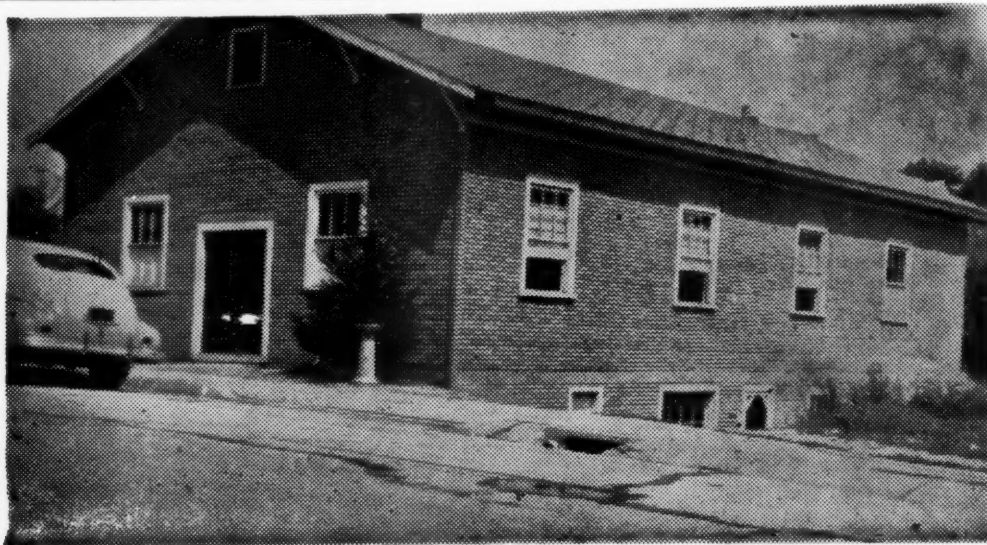
— R —

Dear Saints, I am fifty-five years old and in bad health. I have high blood pressure and an abscessed lung. I have a bad cough and severe headaches. I can't last much longer. My wife had me put in jail here at Fernandina; it was just a frame-up. I have been in jail four months now but I am not quitting. I want all of you to pray for my body and soul and for them to turn me out before it is too late. Also pray for her, she is doing wrong. I am trusting God and I have faith that He will fix a way for me to get out. I am praying hard for myself and wife, although she is two hundred miles from here. I am failing every day. Please pray for my poor diseased body. I have had five operations, so please remember me in prayer.—Yours in faith, W. T. Hixon, c/o J. C. Colson, Fernandina, Fla.

— R —

God to undertake for my husband and me; the complete healing of my body.—Mrs. W. C. Rylee, 633 Lake St., Blytheville, Ark.

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We praise the Lord for the two very successful years in Canton, N. C. Through the spirit of whole-hearted cooperation the old church was rebuilt recently and now ranks among the better churches of this section of the state.—J. L. Hathcock, pastor.

## Requests

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The healing of Sister Arrie Land; me to be healed of a badly ulcerated stomach and wrecked nerves; my husband and two children; my mother.—Zell Hicks, Cassia, Fla.

—R—

The healing of my body, I took sick on the battlefield and am in a bad condition. Unless the Lord undertakes there is no hope.—Brother E. E. Tennant, c/o Mr. S. Prosser, Elgin Town, Lucia P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

—R—

The healing of my sister-in-law who is in a serious condition, the doctors have given her up, they say she is full of cancers.—Roxie Morris, Ferrellsburg, W. Va.

—R—

Sophia Broyles, LaFollette, Tenn., to be healed of a pain in her right lung, and her side from her waist up is afflicted. She is in bed most of the time.

—R—

Albert Simmons, State Park, S. C., to be healed of lung trouble, also pray for his salvation.—A sister in Christ, Marion, S. C.

—R—

God to send my mother back home to me. She was preaching Jesus to the people and they took her and sent her away and said she was crazy. Also pray that God will protect my aunt and me, they say we are crazy too. Pray that we will stay in the will of the Lord. Pray much that God may undertake for those people and show them where they have done wrong.—Brother Charles Moats, Rt. 3, Winchester, Va.

—R—

God to undertake in my home and that my husband will be saved.—Mrs. J. V. Hagan, Altha, Fla.

—R—

God to heal Brother Carl Williams of ulcers of the stomach.—Mrs. Bonnie Williams, Artie, W. Va.

—R—

The healing of my stepson, Clyde Jeffords, his health is failing fast; my stepdaughter, Myrtle Jeffords, and me that our health will be restored.—Mrs. Besie Jeffords, Waresboro, Ga.

—R—

The healing and saving of my brother; my brother-in-law to be saved and healed, he is seriously ill.—Mrs. Bartha Sisk, Rt. 1, Cave City, Ark.

—R—

Me to be healed of asthma.—Alvin Walker, Rt. 1, Brasstown, N. C.

—R—

The healing of my mother, Mrs. Mary Deerfield, who has high blood pressure and is having hemorrhages.—Mrs. Charley Kirk, Missouri Branch, W. Va.

—R—

The healing of my body, I have leakage of the heart and a general run-down condition.—Mrs. Easter M. Headley, Rt. 2, Cave City, Ark.

Me to be healed of stomach trouble and other troubles; my husband to be healed of head trouble; my brother who has arthritis and is badly crippled, to be healed; a neighbor to be healed of bad tonsils.—Mrs. Ruby Scarboro, 116 Hillside St., Kannapolis, N. C.

—R—

The healing of my body of a poisoned system, of something like pellagra, my eyesight to be restored; my grandbaby's eyes to be healed; my unsaved boys to be healed, one is drafted and the others are expecting to be.—Mrs. E. L. Lanier, Myakka Route, Bradenton, Fla.

—R—

The healing of Brother L. J. Magness who has been operated on, he is in a very serious condition.—Rev. B. H. Smith, his pastor, Ripley, Tenn.

—R—

The healing of my husband who is in the hospital with heart trouble; a sister who is brokenhearted and sick in body, that God will undertake for her; Mrs. Anna Dees who is very ill to be healed.—Mrs. Ben Ellis, 14 E. Walnut St., Rich Hill, Mo.

—R—

God to completely heal my body. I am in a serious condition. My intestine has grown together and has fallen so low it will have to be taken apart. I had to have this done once before. I didn't know God could heal then but God gave me salvation and I know He will not fail me. Also my head and eyes are bad. I am waiting on the Lord.—Mrs. Virgil Easley, Rt. 1, Dorchester, Tex.

—R—

My baby and me to be healed of boils.—Mrs. Eureka Williams, 403 Ash St., Fernandina, Fla.

—R—

The healing of Sister Kine, she is in a bad condition; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Virgie Hayes, Lake Placid, Fla.

—R—

The healing of my body. — Edith Means, Charleston, W. Va.

—R—

The healing of my daughter's mind and the salvation of her and her family.—Mrs. Emily Cox, 14 E. Walnut St., Rich Hill, Mo.

—R—

The complete healing of my body.—Hermein Albers, Box 992, Beulah, N. Dak.

—R—

The healing of my body of chills and fever and another trouble.—Mrs. Cora C. Taylor, Iron City, Ga.

—R—

Our little boy to be healed of hernia.—Mrs. Majorie Ramsey, 542 Cedar St., Rock Hill, S. C.

—R—

The Lord to heal my toe; my little girl to be healed of sores. — Pearl Hedgepeth, Rt. 4, Boaz, Ala.

—R—

My husband and me to be restored to health and that he will come back to God.—Reba Owen, Heflin, Ala.

## Obituaries

### WHEAT

Sister Odell Wheat, a faithful member of the Church of God at Tallahala, Miss., departed this life Aug. 25, 1941; age twenty-six years. Pray for the infant girl that is left.—Mrs. E. J. Walton, Rt. 2, Hattiesburg, Miss.

### DORMAN

H. J. Dorman, Jr., Orange, Tex., member of the Texla, Tex., Church of God, was accidentally killed on Aug. 9, 1941; age fifteen years. He had been tarrying for the Holy Ghost for sometime.—Mrs. Johnie F. Peet, clerk, Vidor, Tex.

### FREEMAN

Brother H. V. Freeman, Monroe, Ga., departed this life Aug. 29, 1941; age eighty-three years. He was a good man.—J. L. Sanders, Monroe, Ga.

## Revivals

ALTHA, Fla. — I praise God for a wonderful three weeks' revival here. We have no church house but the men in this community built an arbor and Rev. V. O. Hobbs, of Marianna, Fla., did the preaching. Five have been saved. We had large crowds and good interest. God is blessing in a wonderful way and the sweet presence of God has been with us throughout this revival. We are thankful for our pastor, Rev. V. O. Hobbs. Everyone please pray for us to stay in the center of God's will and be workers in His vineyard.—Mrs. Daisy Hagan.

CROCKETT, Tex. — We have just closed a two weeks' revival at Wesleys Chapel, west of Crockett. Brother John T. Owen did the preaching. The Lord surely blessed. Eight were saved, one sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival closed with the Lord's supper and feet washing, with Brother Allie Woodard in charge.—A brother in Christ.

BROCKDELL, Tenn. — We held a good revival at Brockdell Church of God. Three were saved, two sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival was held by the pastor, although Brother Cal Moore did part of the preaching.—Dick Lewis.

No one can do a more important thing than to do his duty.



# Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board.

## DOWN MEXICO WAY WITH THE ARCHERS

J. W. ARCHER

The laws of Mexico do not permit one of foreign birth, not even a Mexican, to hold any official position there. In fact, ninety per cent of all employees must be Mexican. So it was that, when we began to organize for the Church of God in Mexico, we found it necessary in order to protect ourselves and the work and to carry through the many legal matters with the Government essential to such a work, to find a man, native born, whom we could place at the head of our work in Mexico.

That would be easy, for there are plenty of workers in Mexico who would be glad of the honor of holding such a position. But he must be more than native born. He must be capable in business judgment, in managing the affairs of the Church. He must be recognized and have the respect of the Mexican people as a good preacher, a man of clean reputation, and one whom they respect as a leader. Perhaps most important of all, he must be loyal to the Church of God, to us and to the trust invested in him. We prayed earnestly, and God showed us that we had the man for the place.

David Arcos, whom many of you met at the Assembly, is thirty-one years of age, though he looks younger. He began his ministry immediately after conversion at the age of thirteen. There followed one of the most remarkable records of persecutions and victories for Christ that are to be found in the history of Christian pioneering. Many times he had knives and guns held to his body by angry Catholics and unbelievers. Driven from state to state and from village to village, by religious persecution, by soldiers, and by city officials, he went everywhere preaching the Word.

Driven from the State of Guerrero, he went into the State of Vera Cruz. Here he asked God to open a door for him. Then he went into the street determined to pray for the first person he met. He encountered an old woman (called by the Mexicans an anciano-ancient or elder). She was all bent over with many years of

the awful ravages of arthritis. Stopping, he asked her why did she not get healed. She replied that she had sought that blessing for years, but no man could heal her. He preached to her Christ until, with tears tracing the ancient furrows of her cheeks, she accepted the beloved Christ as her personal Redeemer. He then prayed for her and of course the compassionate One relieved her of her infirmity. He seems always to heal these people so readily, they have suffered so much, and Jesus does care. And she published the



David Arcos

matter abroad and the sick began to come. Here began one of the most miraculous series of healing revivals found in any of our records of this latter rain outpouring. They thronged him with the lame, the halt and the blind and Jesus healed them all. They came by the hundreds and then by the thousands until he found little opportunity to sleep, and was forced to wear a doctor's apron to protect his clothes. "For," said they, "if we can but touch the hem of his garment we will be healed," and they came with great sores, seeking to rub them upon his clothing. And Jesus, seeing the multitude, was moved with compassion, for they were as sheep not having any shepherd, and He healed them.

But the priests hired soldiers and drove him from town to town, and every where he went the revival spread. The doctors tried to have him put in jail, for he had all the business and they had none. At last news of these things reached the governor's ears and he sent a telegram demanding that Mr. Arcos appear before him. Here he was accused of many things, such as healing without a license. To which he replied, "If you can prove one case where I used medicine or otherwise broke your laws, I refuse not to go to jail; otherwise you must not stop me, for it is not I but Christ." The governor had brought in a woman who had been crippled from birth, like the lame man at the gate. He charged Brother Arcos to heal her or go to jail for life. He said, "You are in my power and who can deliver you?" David Arcos asked, "Is there any man in the world who can heal this woman?"

The governor replied, "There is not to be found in all medical science one who can heal or even help this woman."

"Then," said David Arcos, "why do you bring her to me?"

"They tell me you claim to heal the lame and the blind," said the governor, "I want to see what you can do."

"You said no man on earth can heal this woman," said David, "and you are right. Neither can I heal her. But there is One who can!" And he began to tell the woman, the governor, and all the numerous officials of the state gathered about, of the matchless love and power of our Christ. After preaching salvation to the woman in the hearing of them all, for a long time, he led her to Christ. Then he prayed and commanded her to rise in the name of Jesus. And the woman rose, leaping and shouting.

The governor said, "This is a miracle of God."

The head of the medical department of the state said, "This is a phenomena, I will have to study it."

The outcome of it all was that the governor gave David Arcos a free hand in the state and some financial backing. His brothers, Manuel Arcos and Ruben Arcos, both older, were saved, and with their aid, some forty churches were or-

ganized. All of these were turned over to a Mexican Pentecostal organization, which took the churches, kicked out David Arcos, persecuted him and discouraged him until he gave up preaching and went to work. But he did not backslide. This young man came to us and said, "Here is your man." He is working full time night and day for the Church of God and is overjoyed to find a people who will accept his love and loyalty and will love him and be loyal to him. In less than three months he has organized seven churches in the territory where his churches were taken from him. Most of the former followers have come with him. This is the young man who is today acting as our Mexican overseer in Southern Mexico. Pray for him and for us as we expect to open scores of churches this year in Mexico. You may be sure that the devil is not sitting idly by and watching this conquest of Mexico with the gospel. But praise God, our weapons are not carnal but MIGHTY to the tearing down of strongholds.—Yours for a great year of evangelism in the Church of God throughout the world.

The best way to measure one's size is first to get his own estimation; then the estimation of his fellowmen; then his deeds. The last is by no means the least, as a big man will not be caught doing little things beneath the dignity of true manhood.

#### Knoxville, Tennessee, Church of God Liquidates Building Indebtedness



We praise the Lord for the great day He gave us on August 24. We had a great home-coming celebration with dinner spread for all. Rev. J. L. Goins, overseer of Iowa, and Rev. J. D. Wilson, of North Chattanooga, were speakers for the day. We were also blessed with a number of special singers, including Brother Bruce Bachman whose songs were an inspiration to all of us. The Lord showered us with many blessings throughout the day, and by His help and the loyalty of the good people here, we liquidated our building indebtedness of \$1,000.00 and paid off a \$300.00 note against our parsonage. We thank the Lord for the privilege of working with these faithful people during the past two years, and our prayers are with them as we go to our new assignment.—Yours in His service, E. M. Tapley, pastor.

#### CARMI, ILLINOIS, CHURCH OF GOD ONE HUNDRED PER CENT



I wish to write a few lines to the Evangel, concerning the work the Church is doing at Carmi, and the way God is blessing us.

We went over the top 100 per cent with every program this last year, having raised \$1.00 per member for missions; also, our pastor, Rev. J. L. Summers, is district overseer of the Eldorado district and our district mission offering was the

largest ever taken in Illinois in a district convention.

We also rebuilt our church as it was much too small to accommodate the crowds. We dedicated the church Sunday, August 17, and God gave us the money to pay the debt off. The business men of Carmi gave liberally to help rebuild our church.

The picture above is of our Sunday

school on August 17 with an attendance of 230. On the second row of steps, from right to left are Rev. D. M. Short, Rev. Leonard Newton, and our pastor, Rev. J. L. Summers.

We thank God for Brother Summers and the work he is doing. It seems almost like a revival every Sunday night. Souls are praying through; some of the worst drunkards and gamblers are calling

on God and being wonderfully saved.

The church is well liked in Carmi, as well as Brother Summers. He works day and night, mixing among the people here and over the district. There is a wonderful opportunity in Carmi.

We are now on the air weekly for one-half hour, every Friday from 10:00 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. over WEBQ, Harrisburg, Illinois.

We also thank God for our state overseer, Rev. H. O. Harris, who has worked so faithfully. This past year was the best year the Church of God in Illinois has ever had. Pray for us, that God will continue to bless.—Raymond Dill, 7th St., Carmi, Illinois.

### West Virginia Wins

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Thirteenth prize, W. H. Compton.

The wonderful increase in West Virginia subscriptions of 904 over the \$29 of last year, totaling 1,443, only goes to show what really can be done. Several of these prize winners have moved to other fields but they will use their zeal and energy to establish new records and make their new church, district, or state a winning one.

### Editorially Speaking

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The Apostle Paul was a diplomat and he was a diplomat because he was a psychologist. His psychology was a practical psychology and just as practical as that which is taught by Dale Carnegie. Listen to Paul's address before Felix, Acts 24:2, 3, "Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence, we accept it always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness." And then again before King Agrippa, "I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee . . . Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews." When Paul was about to be bound and scourged, hear him as he asks, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman uncondemned?" And once more, when the jealous and prejudiced religious sects were about to tear him asunder, he arose and exclaimed, "Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee." Yes, with the harmlessness of a dove the minister of Christ must be a diplomat, "wise as serpents," for we are ambassadors of Christ.

### Comfort Ye My People

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drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance." "All nations, (totalitarian and democratic alike) before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him as less than nothing,

and vanity." How great He is. He never wearies or faints. But herein lies our comfort, His heart is as tender toward His own people as His arm is strong in creation. Behold your God, ye fearful saints, and take fresh courage. "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom" (vs. 11). His arm upholds creation, but His bosom is the resting place for His lambs.

And now we have no difficulty in identifying our God. It is Jesus. "All things were made by him" (John 1:3), and He "upholds all things by the word of his power" (Heb. 1:3), and He is the good Shepherd that gave His life for the sheep. His love is as great as His power; and He has said, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10). The hand that upholds creation and smashed the power of death holds His sheep in everlasting security. How safe are all those who are gathered with His arm, and what comfort there is for them in His bosom!

Let not one of those whom God calls "My people" say "My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God" (vs. 27). The everlasting God does not change, He careth for all His own and fainteth not. Even the very hairs of their heads are all numbered by Him. No detail of their lives is too small for His notice. He bears with their waywardness and frailty and wearies not. If you feel your weakness and are brought to your wits' end it is that you might prove what His power is. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Every resource that man has apart from God will fail. "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall." "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint." They shall rise on the strong wings of faith above the gloom of this world with its false hopes and sure disappointments and glory in the love of God which has given them a hope of which they shall never be ashamed (Rom. 5:5), they shall run the errands of the Lord, carrying messages of comfort to tried and troubled hearts, and not be weary (1 Thess. 1:8), and they shall walk worthy of God who hath called them unto His kingdom, and glory, and not faint (1 Thess. 2:12).

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say on the Lord" (Ps. 27:14).  
—Gospel Herald.

## My Sermonette

Florence Schumaker

"We shall be like him," 1 John 3:2.  
"I shall be like Him, I shall be like Him, And in His beauty shall shine; I shall be like Him, wondrously like Him,

Jesus, my Savior divine."

We sing that so lustily, thinking of light and glory divine, thinking of soft pure-white filmy garments; but perhaps there are things we have forgotten. After we have meditated upon them, can we still sing:

"Oh! to be like Thee,  
Oh! to be like Thee,  
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art,  
Come in thy sweetness, come in thy fulness,

Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart?"

The next time we sing "Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart," let us look at that image, not at the resurrection glory, but the image that was required to produce that glory—even the cross of shame, even the broken body dripping with blood, even the dying cry, "I thirst," even the cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Ah, I see you shrink from that. You cannot sing it now. You look at your hands—you don't want them pierced, or your feet either. Your hand passes over your brow—"Not the crown of thorns, Lord!" Your back aches from the very thought of the whipping post, "Not that, Lord!" You stroke an unmarred chin, "Not that now!" Your hand grips an unbroken side—"How could I endure that?" "Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart." Can you, dare you, sing it now? Are you afraid of that likeness? Is it too costly? It is His likeness. Can you take it for yours? "Yes, stamp it, Lord, quickly." "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness, when I awake with thee."

To be like a pattern means to be cut to conform to that pattern. The marble block without the chisel and hammer remains a solid marble block. Under the master's cutting hand it becomes priceless. His likeness chiseled upon your soul will produce a sickness unto death—a death that will produce life. Are you willing?

The person who has learned how and has humbled his heart has made the most important step possible for him to make to enable him to learn everything else God wants him to know.



# Praise and Thanksgiving

## A Child of the King

FENDER, Ga.—I praise the Lord for what He is doing for me right now. Well, He is a wonderful Savior to me. I really praise Him for salvation and the sweet Holy Ghost, something that is keeping me. I also praise Him for His great healing power. I never can praise Him enough. I have not taken a dose of medicine since the Lord saved my soul and am not expecting to as long as I keep salvation and I am expecting to have it when Jesus comes. It makes me feel good in my soul to know I am a child of the King. Praise His name. He is so good to me.

Back in the winter I was suffering with something in my face like sinus trouble. One day a neighbor came and asked what was wrong with my head. I told her and she saw an iron setting in front of the fire, so she said, "Why don't you iron your face? That would help you." I said, "No, I am trusting the Lord. I am just sitting here waiting on the Lord," and about that time the Lord began to bless me and healed me right then. Praise His name. I am so glad I learned to trust Him. I have just been feeling the presence of the good Holy Ghost since I've started this letter.

My little girl was at the bottom of a ladder the other day and at the top of the ladder was a door, upstairs. The door came loose somehow and came down the ladder and fell on her hand and broke it. I just got an anointed handkerchief that Sister Roaks anointed and when I took it off her hand it had already come back to its natural color. My husband's uncle who is staying with us said, "She will never use it until she goes to a doctor and gets him to set the bone." I said the Lord could heal her hand. Praise His good name.

People, I am not tired of this way one bit. I just want to get more in the way. I am really enjoying the good holiness way. This is my first letter to the Evangel. I can hardly wait every week until the Evangel comes. Pray that I will stay humble at the foot of the cross where the Lord can always bless me, and pray for my home.—Sister L. B. Morton, Box 24.

YORK, Pa.—I praise God that He is still blessing in York. I praise Him for the wonderful healing that He did for my little grandson, Kenneth Mummert,

who was afflicted from birth and the doctor said the only thing for them to do was to have an operation, but instead we stopped the doctor and took Jesus for our all and he has been healed. Praise the dear Lord for healing him! We called our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Joy E. Bell, and some of the saints and held on for him till we had the victory.—His grandparent.

COFFEEVILLE, Miss.—Dear Evangel Readers, how we love the Evangel and the Lighted Pathway, the two best papers in the world. They are strength and food to our souls. We praise the Lord this morning for another opportunity to write to the Evangel. God has done so much for us.

A few weeks ago I was taken suddenly ill while at my work. I suffered untold agony. Some precious saints of God were called in to pray for me. I was instantly healed. Thank God. I slept well and helped prepare breakfast the next morning. About noon the same suffering attacked my body again. If it could be possible, the suffering was more severe. Again we called for prayer. It seemed as though I went to death's door. Messages were sent to all my loved ones of my serious condition. Through the prayers of those precious saints God miraculously healed me again. Oh thank the Lord for such a great God. But that afternoon the suffering came back. God's purpose had not been accomplished through my suffering. I suffered two days and nights untold agony, was unconscious part of the time. Some of my loved ones fell down on their faces and accepted Jesus as their Savior. The saints kept praying. Tuesday afternoon they came and prayed the prayer of faith again. God brought me out of that bed healed. Thank God. It has been three weeks now and I am still healed. Oh glory to God. Brother Bozeman, our district overseer, was running a revival here at that time. Some were saved and some sanctified. We are expecting him back soon for another revival. We surely thank God for Brother Bozeman, also our pastor, Brother Halyard Williams, and our precious mission leader, Sister Maude Ellen Hight. Everyone pray much that the Church of God will be established here and that I will receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Estelle Holloway, Rt. 1.

HAZLEHURST, Ga. — I praise the Lord for victory over sin. I'm so glad for the Holy Ghost and fire which abides in my soul today.

We praise God for the way He heals our bodies. Sister Dixon was taken very sick in Bridgeford Church of God last Sunday night and the saints and pastor, Rev. G. E. Poole, just got right hold of God and she was wonderfully blessed and we believed she was healed. Praise the Lord! We also praise Him for the way He is blessing us. Through prayer and faith we have moved near where we can attend services regularly at the Church of God at Bridgeford. Please pray that we will be a blessing to the church as we feel sure it will be a great blessing to us. I praise the Lord for healing my body so many times. I never had good health in my life and when the Lord began healing my body there was much to do, for doctors had failed. I was very sick with cancer, a real bad kidney and several other ailments. The cancer was healed instantly, also the kidney, and I believe the pellagra is healed too. I have not broken out this year. Praise the Lord for healing six of my grandchildren of sore eyes. Pray that we will be more in the center of God's will and every sign will follow our lives. Pray for my unsaved son and husband. My husband is seeking the Lord. Pray that he will get the full blessing.—Mrs. Mattie Ranew, Rt. 3.

## Blessed in Sickness

TAYLORS, S. C.—I am so glad that I can write a few words to the Evangel of how God heard and answered prayer in behalf of my son who was carried to the hospital five weeks ago last night, and with the good attention that he received at the hospital and the prayers of the saints of God he was brought back home yesterday feeling good. Oh, how I do feel like praising my dear Lord. Glory to His name. We can never praise Him enough for what He has done for us. I do want to do more for Him and live a life pleasing in His sight.

Please pray for me and my home, also my boy who is in training to be saved before it is too late. Pray that I will be ready when Jesus comes or calls for me.—Mrs. Mary Nichols.

# PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING—Continued

## He Is Our Keeper

Dear Evangel Readers everywhere, I am glad I can say I am living for Jesus. Isn't it wonderful to know that He is our keeper? I can never praise Him enough for leading me in the light, saving, sanctifying and filling me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I am glad I learned one day that He was King of kings and Lord of lords. If we fail to serve Him we might as well lay down our Bible, quit going to church, and say, Away with it all; I am of the world, not of God. I am glad that my treasures are in heaven, not on this earth. This world holds no charm for me. I am glad that Jesus made it so that I could go free. Oh glory! I don't have a load to carry; Jesus lifted that from me and He can and will do the same for you if you will let Him. Dear reader, if you are not saved, I ask you to make it right with God. Do not wait too late. Jesus is coming soon for His own. It will be sad if you are not in the number of the redeemed when they go marching in. *Don't forget*, Jesus is coming soon! Be ready when the pearly gates swing open for me and you. Don't meet Him empty handed; join us here below and Christ our Savior know and be ready for Him when He comes.

I am so glad I found Him precious to my soul and by His help I can follow and be happy as I go. The way grows sweeter all the time though it is sad to see our loved ones and friends traveling down the darker way, also many other people drifting down to the dark and awful deep, from the Father's loving hand, when He is all we need.

I thank Him for His healing power. I had been feeling very bad for two or three days. Our revival was on and I did not feel like going to church. This morning I went into my bedroom alone with Jesus and asked Him to heal me and He came on the scene and flooded my soul and body with His great blessings. No tongue can tell; it is joy unspeakable and full of glory. I have been feeling much better today.

I thank the Lord for His great healing power and every blessing. I am glad I have no desire to turn back; I do not see anything to turn back to. I feel like pressing on and fighting the battle to the end and make heaven my home. Won't it be wonderful there!—Mrs. R. L. Langdale, Rt. 4, Box 136, Lake City, Fla.

## Jesus Is Ready to Comfort Us

OCHOPEE, Fla.—I praise God for His goodness and many blessings to me and for the sweet Holy Ghost. I am satisfied with Jesus; He is all in all to me. He has walked this path of holiness with me since He saved, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Comforter twenty-six years ago. He said, I'll never leave thee alone, and His promises are all true. He has stood close to my side and watched over me in time of every trial that has come my way. Through health and sickness and all afflictions there have been no heartrends when Jesus has not been real and revealed Himself through comforting words. Praise His name.

Ofttimes we find ourselves in experiences which we think cannot possibly bring us any good. They seem to be full of hurt to us. We then begin to search ourselves and Jesus, the same yesterday and forever, is always close by and ready to comfort one of His little ones. He reminds us of His blessed word, Psa. 46: 1-10, "Be still, and know that I am God." The still small voice strengthens us and we feel that Jesus is holding our hand and leading us into higher heights and deeper depths of His great love. It was His love that led us out of the path of sin into the highway of holiness. Bless His name. And when we think of His greatness and great promises to His children, our souls are filled with the glory of God, the One who brought us this far. We could not count the blessings the many times He has healed us, raised us up from death's door, the many battles He has fought for us, the many burdens He has borne for us, the many tears He has kissed away with His comforting words and the touch of His great hand. His presence in times of need has swelled our hearts with praises until we seem to hear the trees praising God for His great loving mercies. The sympathizing Jesus that paid the price for our salvation is so real in this lonely place where there is no church to attend and people seem to be interested only in the pleasures of this world. My heart is made heavy and burdened when I see young men and girls so drunken on sinful pleasures that they can't think of Jesus. I beg Jesus to have mercy on them a little longer and somehow, somehow let the scales fall from their eyes and let them get a glimpse of Jesus.

There has never been a revival in this part of the everglades of Florida. We have begun a cottage prayer meeting one night each week with about sixteen in attendance. God has put His approval on our gathering together to worship Him as He said He would do. Bless H's name. He doesn't forget His promises; He will be in the midst where only two or three are gathered in His name, and He knows the hearts that are hungry and honest. Please pray for our little cottage prayer meetings to be a blessing to souls and a glory to God.

I have trusted the Lord for both soul and body since He saved me and He has never failed me. At present I am afflicted with heart trouble and know my life is short unless God heals me. I am so glad I know He can and will heal unless it is His time and way to take me. If it is, I praise Him because I am ready to go and know that it is His goodness and mercy that I am ready. I think of His Word, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Please join me in prayer that God's will will be done in my life. My heart's desire is to stay under the blood until I can see Jesus face to face and tell Him how much I love Him for guiding me through this straight and narrow path. Glory to God! I feel His presence as I write this testimony. I want to be a living monument for Jesus. If we can't do anything else, thank God, we can live a sanctified life and go home to ever be with Jesus at the end of life. Pray for me to stay humble and pray for my unsaved loved ones.—Bertha Goodson, Box 16.

BELGRADE, Mo.—I praise God for His saving and sanctifying power and for filling me with the Holy Ghost. Sometime ago I wrote you for prayer for the healing of my husband's stomach and eyes. We received an anointed cloth and God has gloriously healed him. He and I had been seeking the Holy Ghost for sometime and, thank God, two weeks ago tonight He filled me with the Holy Ghost and I am praising Him for it. On the following Monday morning my husband went to his work in the mines and some dirt fell on him and broke his leg. He was in the hospital ten days but is at home now. He told me to ask you people to remember him in prayer, also pray that he will be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. J. E. Wright.